

THURSDAY, March 2nd, 1876.

The House met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Father Schwarz.

Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Smith, (Speaker,) Dunbar, Mattingly, Boyer, Usilton, Hodges, Robinson, Rullman, Lancaster, Hooper, Baldwin, Whitelock, Smith, of Balto. co., Given, Fitzjarrell, Dodson, Lankford, Gunby, Ford, Lambdin, Smith, of Dor., Waters, of Dor., Briscoe, Constable, Ward, Snowden, Hance, Gwynn, Cockey, Neal, Purnell, Onley, Riggs, Hinks, Nail, Koons, Boyle, Vandiver, Culbreth, Goldsborough, Rusk, Berkemeir, Lewis, McWilliams, Hoblitzell, McGlone, Curnburn, Stewart, McAleese, Gill, Hart, Leane, Chaisty, Hess, Harig, Albaugh, Sanders, Fenton, Scott, Farrow, Ranger, Jones, Canby, Griffith, Rawlings, Atkinson, Sprigg, Brooke, Brown, Rinehart, Lamotte, Waters, of Carroll. Donaldson, Clark, Dashiell, Gordy, Barnard, Browning—78.

Mr. Chaisty presented the petition of Whately Brothers, Tyler & Brothers and 1,200 other citizens of Baltimore, asking for Local Option.

Which was read and referred to the Select Committee on Temperance.

Mr. Ward presented the petition of F. H. Elderidge and 45 other citizens of Cecil county, praying against a law to permit the taking of fish by pounds or any other stake nets in the Sassafras River.

Which was read and referred to the Cecil delegation.

Mr. Hooper presented the petition of George Berry, Ebenezer Norwood and 195 citizens of Baltimore county, against the passage of a bill prohibiting cattle running at large in said county.

Which was read and referred to the Baltimore county delegation.

Mr. Briscoe presented the petition of Walter Cather and 31 others, asking for the passage of a law for the protection of foxes in Cecil county.

Which was read and referred to the Cecil delegation.

Mr. Koons presented the petition of G. W. Miller and others, of Frederick county, asking for a change in the management and course of instruction of the Maryland Agricultural College and an appropriation therefor.